

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial day

Lakhs Join Saheed Minar Maidan meeting to take pledge of struggle

Do you hear a rumbling of distant thunder? That is the voice of the builders of the revolutionary future—the marchers to this city today. This 5th August beckons to that cherished future.

These marchers in winding processions on the streets carry one message for you: Do not despair; you have the leader and the road before you. Misery, no doubt, tries to strangle you with unrelenting hands. And signs are too clear of a full scale conspiracy against you by the ruling bourgeoisie and its social democrat collaborators. The masqueraders of leftism, who stabbed you in the back all along, are now deserting you to side openly with the ruling class. But there is the leading light before you—the thoughts of the helmsman, the revolutionary teachings of the great departed leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. There is the instrument too at hand to fight your way out with, the instrument Comrade Shibdas Ghosh bequeathed to you—the SUCI, the party he built and reared as the genuine revolutionary party of our country. The task is to bring to a successful culmination the concrete and comprehensive programme of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, the task Comrade Shibdas Ghosh laid down as the unfailing guideline for the emancipation of the exploited people of India.

This red flag today urges you to this supreme task: "Comrades, rise to the occasion and prepare yourselves to discharge the responsibility history has bestowed on you." The banners, the festoons, the posters all around urge you to this task. This red rostrum on the Maidan rises like a martyr's column behaving you to fulfil the revolutionary task Comrade Shibdas Ghosh commenced: "Your

lot can change only if you will realize that the basic question of your emancipation is inalienably linked with the question of transforming the entire society

Red Salute to Departed Comrades Of Tarakgarh Village

On the morning of 5th August a tragic accident near Howrah station took away the precious lives of six of our comrades and two other men, leaving about fifteen others injured, three of them seriously. These comrades who had come from Tarakgarh village under Kashipur P.S. in Purulia District were taking their breakfast at a spot near the subway adjoining the pavement above the road level and enclosed within railings. A state bus while taking turn suddenly crashed through the railings and came upon them. Comrades Rodani Mejhan, Chhutu Majhi, Rasik Majhi, Koka Majhi, Sanatan Majhi, Pamu Mejhan and two other people were killed.

Grief overtook the public in the area, who rushed along with our other comrades to rescue those caught in the accident. The police and fire brigade came much later and the police made even a lathicharge.

We dip the red banner to pay respect to these martyrs.

A resolution condoling the death and paying tributes to the martyrs was adopted at the meeting at Saheed Minar and one minute's silence was observed. The people of Tarakgarh and nearby areas gathered at the village in a memorial meeting on the 13th August and a martyr's column has been raised there.

of India with the might of anti-capitalist socialist revolution".

The words are ringing ever louder in the people's ear far and near. The call is reaching out to the farthest corners, and to the call are responding the toiling masses in ever greater numbers. They are rising, preparing themselves to be equal to the task, and following the path charted out by him.

These men have come today, 5th August, to this city, Calcutta, at the call of the West Bengal State Committee of our party to observe Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day, from every district of the state—every corner, every walk of life. And Comrade representatives from some neighbouring states have also come to join in the rally.

They are agricultural labourers, poor peasants, industrial workers, miners (Contd. to page 2)

Build up struggle along the path shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh —Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's clarion call on 5th August

In his long speech that continued for more than two hours, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the beloved General Secretary of our party, at the very outset, highlighted some aspects of the contributions of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, our leader and teacher, the founder General Secretary of our party, to the International Communist Movement and the communist movement of our country.

Thereafter Comrade Mukherjee discussed the present political situation of our country, in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, and elaborated our tasks ahead.

While highlighting the tasks, he gave particular emphasis on the necessity of developing mass

movement throughout the entire country, in accordance with the programme of movement that had already been chalked out by our Central Committee, for forestalling the bid of the ruling class, their parties and the social democratic forces, their aides who were in governmental

power, to intensify capitalist exploitation and oppression in the country and lead it towards fascism so as to give protection to their crisis ridden capitalist state and the system.

Contributions of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the international communist movement and in building up communist movement in our country

While highlighting the contributions of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Mukherjee observed that time and again Comrade Ghosh discharged his revolutionary duty and responsibility to the International Communist Movement by putting forward correct scientific analysis on various issues at every crucial moment. Moreover the cautions that he raised even during Stalin's lifetime by critically observing the influence of mechanisation and mechanical thought process in the International Communist Movement had come true. Comrade

Ghosh laid bare the fact that mechanisation and mechanical thought process worked within the International Communist Movement. The relationship between the fraternal communist parties mostly was mechanical instead of being dialectical. There was an unbelievably low ideological cultural standard.

In the field of communist moral and ethics, Comrade Ghosh once with brilliant and scientific analysis unveiled the truth that communism begins where humanism ends. Only on the ashes of humanist moral values on communist moral values grow and prosper.

But, with much pain and anguish he had to witness the influence of bourgeois humanist nationalist thinkings, morals and ethics even on the communists, who were mostly guided by humanist moral values in their lives and struggles.

Comrade Ghosh gave

caution that if the International Communist Movement was not freed from these and such other serious confusions, shortcomings and defects in the realm of ideology then in the long run, this would pose a serious danger to the world proletarian revolution.

Each and every word of his caution, Comrade Mukherjee added, came true, when the modern revisionists headed by Khrushchev after usurping the leadership of the Soviet state and party opened the floodgate of revisionism-reformism and the people in different countries with pain and anguish had to experience that the world revolution had suffered a serious setback, even after making rapid strides towards achieving its goal, even after arriving at the threshold.

His greatest contribution to the Indian people and their movement, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee added, is (Contd. to Page 4)

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Lakhs take pledge to fulfil the behest of their beloved departed leader

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tribal men and women, students, youths intellectuals and office employees who have mingled into one steeled mass determined to achieve the goal and fulfil the leader's behest.

Throughout the day they are marching to the Saheed Minar Maidan in the city's heartland in mighty processions notifying their arrival. They are engaged in a struggle to mould their life on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Their character and conduct reveal the stamp of it. Only this morning six of their comrades from Purulia have been killed when a state bus running amuck overran them. Even this benumbing tragedy cannot hold back the closest kin of these martyr's who have taken it with fortitude following the leader's teachings. They have not left their charge and they are here in the procession. In this sowing season poor villagers have come making tremendous sacrifices. Many had got stranded for hours on a trunk rail route following a blockade. But that has not prevented them from coming. They left no stone unturned and have ultimately reached the city. Distance cannot forbid, hunger cannot refrain, personal problems cannot prevent. They have overcome obstacles, overcome the intimidation, threat and obstruction put up by the ruling parties, the administration the vested interest and the reactionary cliques.

These are the people who are engaged in organizing and developing legitimate democratic mass movements in fields and factories, towns and villages. Guided by the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Central Committee of our party headed by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee has called upon the people to organize movements throughout

the country against the anti-people policies and measures of the Central and state governments and the growing authoritarian and fascist menace. These men have come forward responding to the call.

They are engaged in building people's struggle committees at the grass root level to conduct mass movements. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh taught us: "Unless people's committees, from the highest to the lowest level, organized as people's own instrument of struggle through democratic mass movements are developed as politically conscious entity on the edifice of proletarian culture and ethics so as to replace effectively the three principal organs on which the capitalist system survives, the people's alternative political power will not grow. Unless this task is accomplished there will be no revolution by mere change of government through elections'. These are the people who have taken it upon them to carry forward the task.

They are engaged in consolidating unity and solidarity among different sections of the toiling masses, which the ruling bourgeoisie, plunged in its all out crisis, is out to destroy to perpetrate its class rule. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh taught us: "The more acute its crisis becomes, resulting in more intense struggle by the working people against capitalist order, the more fascist capitalism becomes when it tries to fan religious and racial sentiment of the people to misdirect popular struggle against capitalism". These men have devoted their strength and energy to the task of uniting on class basis all nationalities, tribes, castes, linguistic and religious communities in the fight for emancipation from the capitalist oppression and exploitation.

They are engaged in the arduous struggle to

acquire the cultural and ethical standard which will enable them to become genuine revolutionaries. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh taught us: "Not of the leaders only, the sole object of dedication of even the cadres of proletarian revolutionary movement will be to unleash a struggle covering all aspects of life so as to strengthen this course of revolution. It is an all-out struggle covering all aspects of life—from the private to politico-economic and socio-cultural life, from even sex to love—so noble is this struggle of becoming a communist."

These are the soldiers of the coming revolutionary struggle—the legion of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The worthy disciples have come today to pay their deepest respect to the most beloved departed leader, teacher and guide and to renew their pledge to fulfil the leader's behest with every drop of their blood.

The people have seen a new ray of hope in these men. They have lined up along the routes to see the marchers and hear their voice. This eagerness tells something important. This is something which alone can break the apathy and indifference among the people due to the treachery of the pseudo-lefts. Lend your ears, and you will hear what the bystanders are commenting in wonder. 'I know it is a long procession, but I am standing here on purpose. I like to see them. They are of a different mould,'—at some point says one to another standing by his side. 'I, too, am standing for the same reason. This party, SUCI is no sycophant of any one. They are doing what they understand to be the right cause. You cannot accuse them of any petty or concealed motive, can you?'—replies the other man.

Or, here at the

Maidan, they hear some one saying to another: 'This is the only party which one should listen to. Really, they set us thinking—that is why I have come here.'

Dignity and solemnity are writ everywhere on this gathering. People have come here in thousands to emote their deepest feelings for the great departed leader, and hear Comrade Nihar Mukherjee explain the present task before them in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Wreaths adorn the foot of the portrait of the great leader of the proletariat on the face of the red martyr's column forming the rostrum. Red flags are fluttering above. Here at the foot of the Saheed Minar there is a book stall of party literature. Hundreds are thronging it.

Wreath is now placed by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee. The entire audience has stood up now that the DYO music squad begins to sing the homage song to the departed leader.

Drumbeat in slow rhythm is penetrating the silence that has descended here. Komol enters dipping the red flag to present its guard of honour to the memory of the most beloved departed leader. The DSO squad follows, carrying a portrait of the great leader, to present

its guard of honour.

After Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary of the West Bengal State Committee of our party and President at the meeting, has spoken, Com. Nihar Mukherjee General Secretary of our party, has analysed in his illuminating speech the present political situation and explained our task in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

From here you will be going back to your place. And the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh will be ringing in your ears. "It is certain, today or tomorrow there will be revolution in India. If you take twenty years to strengthen the SUCI, the genuine and only revolutionary party in India, then Indian revolution will have to wait for twenty more years. But if the Indian people can free themselves from the influence of the pseudo-revolutionary parties and organize themselves under the banner of the SUCI within ten years, then there is no doubt that you will witness the prairie fire of revolution within ten years".

The red flag today urges you to one supreme task. The banner, festoon, posters all around urge to the same task. Your sense of dignity too does urge. You have no time to waste. Join hands with these men, the builders of the revolutionary future, your cherished future awaits your hand.

Com. Sukomal Dasgupta's Speech

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary of the West Bengal State Committee of our party and president at the meeting began his speech reporting the tragic death of six of our party workers and supporters and the severe injury to several others who had come from Purulia district. A resolution was adopted demanding a non-official inquiry into the accident, punishment to the guilty, and adequate compensation to the family of those killed and injured.

Comrade Dasgupta drew attention to the fact that although changes had come

about at the Centre and the state governments, no improvement had taken place in the people's lot. Instead, the burden on them was mounting up everyday.

What was the way out for the people? Comrade Dasgupta pointed out that the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, had charted out the path on the basis of Marxism-Leninism. Comrade Dasgupta reminded the warning given by the Central Committee of our party headed by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee that the country faced today either possibi-

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lities: on the one hand there was the growing danger of authoritarianism and fascism with the return of Indira Gandhi to power, on the other hand the people evinced more and more attraction to the great revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to fight against the capitalist class rule and tyranny.

Comrade Dasgupta also pointed out that since her installation in power Indira Gandhi was resorting to measures which aimed at concentrating power in her hands. While running the steam-roller of exploitation she was trying to gag the people's voice and crush their movements.

The Central Committee of our party, Comrade Dasgupta said, had laid down a programme of countrywide democratic mass movement against the government's anti-people policies and measures. In different states the governments were cracking down on these movements. Our party workers were



Komsomal, Young Communist League of SUCI is paying guard of honour to the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. On the dais leader of the Central Committee and other state leaders are extending Red Salute

assaulted severely in Orissa at Bijnharpur and in Haryana. The CPI(M) led 'Left Front' government in West Bengal mounted attacks on the movement organized by our party against rise in

bus fare.

In the present political reality the only way before the people was to organize democratic mass movements, Comrade Dasgupta emphasized. The people must

realize that correct base political line and correct leadership were necessary to lead the movements to their logical culmination, the anti-capitalist socialist revolution. We

could pay respect to the great departed leader by fulfilling the task he had commenced, by following the guidelines he laid before us for winning emancipation.

Build up social movement against indignities to women

Recently the incidence of indignities to women all over the country have assumed such an alarming proportion that any right minded person can't but be shocked. Moreover what is of greatest concern is that the police which is said to be the custodian of law and order are the worst offenders in these most heinous acts. With impunity they are outraging the modesty of helpless women here and there and even within thana lock-ups everywhere in the country. Another peculiar feature of this phenomenon is that the police and administration are being systematically used to strike terror among the downtrodden masses like landless labourers and share-croppers, etc. protesting against the oppression and exploitation of the owners, police and administration.

In this game all the ruling parties from Congress (I) to CPI(M) are showing the same political attitude in practice while handling the police and administration from governmental power. In that sense from Bigpat to Jalpaiguri incidence all fall in the same line. In Rajgunj of Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal while one of our party organisers, Comrade Maheswar Bhattacharya, a distinguished teacher, tried to

record F.I.R in the local police station on 31st July last against an attempt to rape, the O.C., let alone recording the complaint, mercilessly beat up Comrade Bhattacharya and placed him under thana lock-up. However the O.C. was later compelled to release Comrade Bhattacharya and record that F.I.R under public pressure.

In the context of this systematic attack against honour and dignities of

women the Mahila Sanskritik Sangha (M.S.S) has come out to build up a social movement in the country against this growing menace. In a convention organised by the M.S.S. at the Mahajati Sadan Seminar Hall in Calcutta on last 20th July a resolution with a programme to build up this movement has been adopted.

The convention was largely attended by teachers, professors, students, doctors, lawyers, social workers, writers and ladies from all strata of the masses and the hall was filled beyond capacity. Mrs. Mukti Maitra, a renowned advocate, took the chair and Comrade Prativa Mukherjee, President of the M. S. S and a renowned mass leader of the state, member, West Bengal State Committee of SUCI, (Contd. to page 7)

Savage attack on UTUC (Lenin Sarani) affiliated Union at Haryana

The valiant fight of the workers of Johrimal Spinning Mills at Gohana of Sonapat district in Haryana against the continuous barbarous assaults committed on them by the management-police-local roughs combine has, by now, become a matter of public talk.

The management is openly telling the workers to form CITU affiliated union and assured even to settle their demands amicably but threatened them with dire consequences in the event of their forming union affiliated with UTUC (Lenin Sarani).

This attitude of the owning class openly encouraging the working class to form CITU affiliated unions read with similar approaches reflected by the management elsewhere, particularly in case of the management of a big luxury hotel in Calcutta, unmistakably points to the fact that the industrial houses today have found in CITU leadership their tool for forestalling demo-

cratic trade union movement from within.

The unholy alliance of the police and the administration has come to such a pass that when on 13th July last, Comrade Hari Prakash, the President of the Union and a distinguished organiser of SUCI, accompanied by Comrade Naresh, another SUCI organiser, came to police station to lodge a written complaint against the brutal atrocities, the police refused to accept their diary and instead mercilessly beat both the Comrades and later put them into police custody.

At about the same time on the same day the

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Conducting struggle covering all aspects of his highest standard of Communist

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the establishment of SUCI.

By concretising the teachings of Marxism-Leninism, the philosophy which has developed by integrating the truths unveiled by different branches of science and by leading a struggle covering each and every aspect of his life basing on this philosophy, he achieved the highest standard of the noble cultural ethical values of communism, founded and reared SUCI, the genuine communist party on our soil and created a band of revolutionaries within the party which braving all odds has been successfully organising the people's struggle to reach the ultimate goal of revolution.

In performing this arduous task, in setting up this historic example before the world, Comrade Mukherjee added, Comrade Ghosh, like his great predecessors, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse-tung, had to lead a serious, life long unceasing struggle against the pseudo-Marxists, the social democrats who could not free themselves from decadent bourgeois values. Rather they were victims

of bourgeois vices.

Present political situation

Comrade Mukherjee then drew the attention to the present political situation of the country :

After being installed in power by the ruling capitalist class, with more than two-third majority in the parliament, Sm. Gandhi and her party have engaged themselves to protect the crisis-ridden capitalist state and system. The present day reactionary capitalism cannot solve the basic problems of people's life. It cannot resolve the mounting problem of unemployment, the solution of which is linked up with the question of uninterrupted industrialisation-modernisation and mechanisation of agriculture—a thing which moribund capitalism can never accomplish.

So faced with the problems and crises that cannot be resolved by the decadent moribund capitalism, when globally it is passing through the third phase of acute crisis, they with the object of preserving and giving lease of life to the capitalist exploitative system are leading the country towards

fascism. All the steps and measures such as increased military budget vis-a-vis militarisation of the economy aimed at providing artificial stimulation to the crisis-ridden economy, increase of police budgets in the state level even by the CPI(M) led government claiming to be 'left', excessive taxation and various social democratic programmes such as re-introduction of 20-point programme etc. would exemplify the symptoms of fascism, that they are aimed at leading the country to.

This remind us of another historic lesson of Comrade Ghosh :

"The distinguishing features of fascism, namely economic centralisation maximum concentration of political power in the state, administrative rigid firmness, cultural regimentation and identification of the state with the interests of the monopolists and thereby making the state subservient to the interest of the monopolists are discernible, no doubt in varying degrees, in all the capitalist countries of the world, not excluding the backward countries in Asia and Africa."

That the ruling class in their bid to protect this crisis-ridden capitalist economy is taking recourse to all possible fascistic repressive measures, Comrade Mukherjee added, is experienced by our people in their everyday life.

To suppress the growing discontent of the people against capitalist exploitation, excessive power is being concentrated in the hands of the police and bureaucracy. Police, the so-called custodian of law and order are behaving like branded criminals. Incidents of criminal outrage of women by the police have become rampant.

That apart, heinous conspiracy is being perpetrated against the people to smash their moral backbone by spreading decadent perverted base culture among them. Time and again Comrade Ghosh illustrating from the history of people's struggle affirmed that even a starving people could raise their head and fight against oppression and exploitation, if their moral backbone was firm and erect.

And it is at this very moral and ethical base of

our people that they are conspiring to give a mortal blow.

It is a fact that the ruling class, with this sole object installed back Sm. Gandhi and her party in power, whom they consider to be the best available force at present to serve their class interest and Smt. Gandhi too with much enthusiasm and sincerity is trying to give justice to their choice.

But it is not only Sm. Gandhi and her governments at the Centre and in different states that are trying to render faithful service to their master i.e. the ruling capitalist class of the country.

The CPI(M) led state government in West Bengal, Tripura and Kerala also are perpetrating naked anti-people policies in all aspects of people's social life, and thus behaving like subservients to the capitalist class of the country.

They are, Comrade Mukherjee added, practising reformism and spreading economism among the people so as to make them cripple and generate a sense of apathy, (Contd. to page 5)



On the right : A portion of the huge gathering in Saheed Minar Maidan on 5th August. On the left : Comrade Nihar Mukherjee (above) and Comrade

life, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh achieved the Character —COMRADE NIHAR MUKHERJEE

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social-indifference and individualist and anti-movement attitude among them. It is not only that they launched naked fascistic police onslaught on the thousands and thousands of peaceful civil disobedience marchers on 15th June, the last year, but whenever there develops the possibility of building up people's movement in any walk of their life, they do not hesitate to take recourse to all possible repressive measures to nip in the bud any such possibility.

In fact, their anti-movement attitude and the anti-people policies that the governments led by them are found to pursue, only expose their social democratic character before the people, Com. Mukherjee observed.

And it is while exposing the character of social democracy and its relation with fascism, that Comrade Ghosh observed: Once Fascism, came out of the womb of social democracy, now social democracy is the last prop of fascism.

While drawing attention to the anti-people policies and anti-movement

attitude of the CPI(M) led governments, that is aiding to protect the crisis-ridden capitalism which is breeding fascism in the country, Comrade Mukherjee reminded us another historic caution of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade Ghosh observed: It should be borne in mind in this connection that among the social democratic parties affiliated to the Second International those who were more liberal in their approach could not bring fascism because of looseness in their organisational structure; rather it was those social democratic parties who subsequently turned revisionist and national chauvinist and who were of more militant in character and who fostered fanaticism and blindness in their ranks that gave birth to fascism, internationally. Social Democracy after committing suicide in Europe and after having been thoroughly discredited and isolated as an organised political force from the proletarian revolutionary movement, is no doubt still continuing as a powerful political trend in the world

communist movement. And modern revisionism is nothing but an outcome of this trend.

In our time those communist parties within the International Communist Movement who have already degenerated into revisionist parties and reduced themselves to the position of national communist parties, or in other words, who are communists in name only but social democratic parties in practice, do have every possibility of turning themselves into fascist parties, if these parties, while waving the red banner and moving under the cover of Marxism, combine blindness and fanaticism with their so-called militant character.

In this connection, it should be remembered that militancy born out of revolutionary ideology is not one and the same with the so-called militancy bred by fanaticism, blindness and superstition. They are qualitatively different.

Comrade Mukherjee further highlighted that, it is mostly because of anti-the movement attitude of the CPI (M), their practice of a naked opportunistic election oriented politics vis-a-vis the absence of the wave of left and democratic movement in the country that even in West Bengal which is traditionally recognised as a stronghold of leftism, the vile forces of communalism, parochialism etc. are raising their evil heads, like in other parts, or more particularly the north eastern region of the country.

They claim Tripura to be one of their stronghold, where, they boast, they have been organising left and democratic movement for the last thirty years. If that is a fact then how could such a tragic genocide happen—a fratricidal war take place between different communities there? They tried to explain the

whole incident as the outcome of reactionary machination and foreign intrigue. If this is the fact, then the question still remains that how could such forces succeed in their bid if the internal situation of the state is not congenial to their perpetration of such heinous activities?

The fact is, the CPI(M), guided by their election-oriented parliamentary politics, just like the bourgeois parties, to reap maximum dividend in favour of their politics of exigency and opportunism are engaged in fanning up and pampering the parochial and communal feelings and sentiments of different communities of people, tribal and non-tribal. Those base feelings ultimately resulted into the fratricidal war, hitherto unprecedented in the black history of communal wars in our country—is it leftism? Com. Mukherjee asked.

Now after the large scale brutal massacre of the innocents, for which their attitude of wooing the communal and parochial sentiments of different communities of people is to be mostly blamed, they, in the name of arresting the recurrence of such incidents, are after the enactment of Tripura Security Bill, in the model of ill-famed P.D Act. And moreover, like Indira Congress they are taking the help even of the CRP for perpetrating repressive measures over the people.

Birds of the same feather understand and support each other. So none was at all astonished when all these steps and moves were supported and certified by the Home Minister of the Indira Government.

Comrade Mukherjee urged the rank and file of the CPI (M) to seriously ponder over it.

Thereafter Comrade Mukherjee drew attention

to the situation in Assam and the intensive activities of the communal, parochial and separatist forces throughout the country, more particularly in the north-eastern region.

In the question of Assam, Comrade Mukherjee observed that guided by her narrow party interest and to protect the class interest of the ruling reactionary bourgeoisie of the country Smt. Gandhi has refused to accept our, what one may term to be the most logical and concrete proposal possible at the moment, to resolve the problems confronting the people of Assam. From her dilly-dallying tactics and other moves and activities it is quite clear that her sole motive is to reap maximum dividend out of people's sufferings, their miseries and the fratricidal war that is continuing between their different sections and communities.

Tracing in brief the historical reasons for the prevalence of these rabid anti-people, fissiparous forces and evil trends such as forces of communalism, parochialism etc. which still work among the people within the society, Comrade Mukherjee while highlighting the teachings of Comrade Ghosh observed that it was for their historical limitation that the reformist, oppositional compromising national bourgeoisie of the country suffering from the fear complex of proletarian revolution could not fulfil the cultural task of democratic revolution, thereby failed to unite the people into a nation with common culture and mental make up, by uniting the different nationalities, and tribes irrespective of their religion, caste, culture, mental make up etc.

The task to unite the toiling people is necessarily entrusted upon the forces who claim themselves 'left'.

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Sukomal Dasgupta (below) addressing the meeting.

Upholding the banner of struggle they came in thousands they came in determined steps

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But the tragedy is, let alone trying to fulfil this task by developing united struggle of the people against their common enemy, they, the parties like CPI and CPI (M) too, like the reactionary bourgeois forces under various pleas and queer theories, in reality give support to rabid communal and parochial feelings, sentiments and trend of thinking. This only aids the reactionary ruling class engaged in their conspiracy aimed at creating division within the toiling people and their movement and help them to foster the feeling of disunity among different communities of the toiling people which at times lead to the worst type of fratricidal war among them and tragic mass killing of innocents.

In an emotional tone with assertion and firm conviction Comrade Mukherjee impressed upon the people, that when this is the tragic fate of these people who claim to be 'Marxists-Leninists' it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who alone held aloft the banner of social and cultural revolution in the country.

Reiterating his teachings Comrade Mukherjee observed that to free the people from the influence of vile forces like communalism, parochialism etc. one must have to build up left and democratic movement involving the people of different communities, develop struggle for their cultural integration, so as to unite them, make them politically conscious, channelise their movement against their common enemy i.e. the exploitative capitalist system.

He urged the toiling people of different tribes, communities and nationalities to realise that they are part and parcel of the Indian proletariat. The development of all is the condition for the development of each of them. They must have to build up their struggle as

a part and parcel of the mainstream of struggle of the Indian proletariat for their liberation from all sorts of oppression and exploitation.

They must have to realise that there is no other alternative course for their emancipation.

Then comrade Mukherjee highlighted the necessity of developing mighty left and democratic movement of the people throughout the entire country.

In this connection he at first referred to the news that was published in the daily press regarding the unwillingness that the CPI (M) and Forward Bloc expressed in the question of developing joint movement with the SUCI in response to the appeal that the CPI made to all left and democratic parties to observe one day Bundh in West Bengal against the policy of the Indira government at the Centre on issues like price-rise etc.

Both the CPI (M) and Forward Bloc, in defence of their stand tried to level SUCI as 'disruptor'. But the question is would they be able to convince the people, would it create any effect on them? Because whatever heinous attempt one may undertake, he will fail to erase the pages of history.

What does history tell? Time and again in the past we urged them to come forward and forge a unity of left and democratic parties with a common agreed programme and a code of conduct but they did not respond to our call.

In 1975, when waves of mass movements were stirring the states of Bihar and Gujrat, we appealed to them to come forward and build up united struggle in West Bengal against the then Congress Government. But they refused on the plea that had they participated in the struggle, they would have to face with serious

physical attack and onslaught from the Congress hoodlums and police as well.

As if one would build up movement only when there would be no force to oppose him, and when the police would stand by one's side, Comrade Mukherjee retorted.

No doubt, it is a fact, that once in the past, when they were in the opposition, they were along with us in united platform of struggle. Though we were with them in the united struggle, our object was fundamentally different from that of them.

Like petty bourgeois election oriented social democratic parties, their sole object was to keep the movement restricted within reformist oppositional and agitational form so that people's wrath and grievances against the party in governmental power might be cashed in their favour in the ballot box. The object of SUCI, armed with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, was basically different, and that of any genuine revolutionary party under similar situation Comrade Mukherjee added.

A revolutionary party when remaining with the social democratic forces in the same platform of struggle, while trying to maintain the unity of the platform and struggle against the common enemy launches intense ideological struggle against these forces so as to expose and isolate them and establish its leadership on the people and thereafter following the course of struggle, after the exhaustion of the democratic phase leads the struggle so that ultimately it may be lifted to higher revolutionary phase so that ultimately revolution may win by defeating capitalism.

It was with this object that even when we were with them in the

united platform of struggle we always endeavoured to develop ideological struggle among ourselves. Because no revolutionary could become oblivious, Comrade Mukherjee added, of the historic teaching of Stalin: it is impossible to put an end to capitalism without putting an end to social democratism.

But apprehending that this ideological struggle may expose their politics and social democratic character, they tried to obstruct this struggle and labelled us as disruptors.

SUCI was no doubt a 'disruptor'! Because it was SUCI which in the past exposed their narrow sectarian motive of coming close to P.C. Sen even at the cost of the unity of the then existing nine left party combination which had a possibility of emerging as a united front of left and democratic parties in future.

The most astonishing point is, Comrade Mukherjee observed, that the CPI(M)'s so-called left and democratic front could keep reserved seats for regional and parochial and communal forces like Muslim League, Akali, DMK, AIADMK. They could assure berth to Congress (U), Lok Dal, even sections of Congress (I) men and Janata people, but SUCI was 'untouchable' to them.

Because they knew it very well that they could never have SUCI in the same platform with these regional, communal and parochial forces, the partners of their so-called 'left and democratic unity' which they resolved to build up in the 10th Congress of their party.

Do they know that by making such opportunistic alliances with the regional communal and parochial forces, in fact they are providing ground to all these forces which are raising their ugly heads in different parts of the country?

The rank and file of the CPI(M) must seriously

ponder over it Comrade Mukherjee observed.

Comrade Mukherjee further added, still if they are serious of developing struggle, sincerely desire to build up movement, then SUCI would always stand by their side in the field of struggle. But if they in the name of developing movement, try to deceive the people and hoodwink them then SUCI, not to speak of becoming a party to it, would seriously endeavour to expose their pseudo-leftism, their anti-people anti-movement game before the people.

Regarding the appeal of the CPI, to observe one day Bundh against the Central Government as a protest against the price-rise, Comrade Mukherjee observed, that no doubt movement must have to be immediately built up particularly against the Centre because in the question of sky-rocketing of prices of different commodities the Central Government and its anti-people policy was mainly responsible. But should one direct its movement only against the Central Government? What attitude the State Government reflected in the question of ameliorating the grievances and miseries of the people? Had they taken any step against any speculators, hoarders or black marketeers? Had they used the Essential Commodities Act against these enemies of the common people, who played a key role in enhancing the rise of essential commodities, thereby bringing about more and more increased sufferings and miseries in the life of the people. Was it not a fact, that to win over the heart of the jotedars they prevented the imposition of any levy on them? Had they not like the Indira Government at the Centre imposed the burden of heavy taxation on the people? That apart their anti-people policies in the

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Police firing on peaceful demonstration at Binjharpur, Orissa

30th July '80 Jajpur.

At the call of the Central Committee of our party SUCI mass movements on the legitimate demands of the common poor people are being organised at different levels nearly in

every state of the country.

As a part of it under the joint auspices of SUCI, DSO and DYU a movement against the spiralling prices, rise in bus fare, and railway fares and

freight was started in Binjharpur of Cuttack district from last 10th July. On 21st July while a demonstration of over five hundred poor people was proceeding towards the local B.D.O. Office to stage a stay-in demonstration the police suddenly pounced upon them, barbarously lathicharged,

fired tear gas and fired bullets upon them. As a result, many of the marchers were seriously injured including a good number of women. Police also arrested 37 of the wounded and detained them for over 30 hours in Binjharpur and Jajpur thana lock-ups, stripped them naked and made savage torture on them and even molested the women prisoners.

This incident created deep anger and resentment among the people all over the state. They raised their voice of condemnation against such type of police barbarity. Protest demonstrations, meetings, and street corner meetings were organised by the party throughout Orissa. On 29th July a mass meeting was held at Sukinda where Comrade Mayadhar Nayek, a distinguished organiser of the party in the state, was the main speaker. On 23rd July a protest meeting was held before the Jajpur S.D.O. Court. Comrade Balaram

Sahoo, the General Secretary of the KKMS, Orissa and Comrade Gobinda Sahoo, a distinguished student leader of the state were the main speakers in this meeting. On the same day another protest meeting was held at the Cuttack College Square. Comrades Binapani Das, Balaram Sahoo, Bijoy Routh and Narendra Panigrahi were among the speakers. At Binjharpur also a protest meeting was held on 25th July last.

Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary, Orissa State Committee of SUCI sent a letter to the Prime Minister on 25th July demanding *inter alia* judicial enquiry into the incidence of police attack and firing on the peaceful demonstration and molestation of women prisoners within thana lock-up. A memorandum was also placed on behalf of the State Committee to the Chief Minister, meeting him personally on 26th July.

Mahila Convention

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distinguished writer Sm. Bani Ray, Dr. Bela Duttagupta, Mrs. Prativa Gupta, Sabita Dhar and others addressed the gathering. The resolution was placed by Sm. Mira Mitra and seconded by Prof. Menoka Basu Roy.

Comrade Prativa Mukherjee, President of the organisation in her long moving speech pointed to the root cause of this growing social malady. She reminded that indignities to women should never be viewed as an isolated phenomenon or simply as a part of law and order problem what the ruling parties including the so called leftists and their spokesmen are trying to pose it. The

whole society which we live in i.e. the moribund capitalist society has been already degenerated through and through—politically, economically and more so culturally, ethically and morally. The phenomenon of widespread indignities to women is not only a part but also a glaring indication of it. So this menace can not be fought out merely by change of law. It is only a conscious social movement that can put an effective check to it. However, that does not mean that strictest laws and administrative measures are not necessary. But who will implement those laws? The police and administration. But they are the worst culprits in this

regard. Side by side, this growing phenomenon of such a most inhuman and nasty crime in society also shows that this moribund capitalist society has gone out of cure. The only way is to destroy this rotten society with a new one—a socialist society which can guarantee dignity to women and free womanhood along with the exploited masses from all sorts of oppression and humiliation. So a mighty social movement conducive to such a revolutionary transformation would have to be built up in the country. In this movement both men and women particularly, the women themselves should actively join and lead it. Nothing short of it can save our womenfolk from this social onslaught.

At the call of AIDSO massive student demonstration at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

At the call of Kurnool District Committee of AIDSO the students of Kurnool district organised a massive demonstration in realisation of their various long standing legitimate demands on 15th July last. It was perhaps the biggest student demonstration ever

witnessed in Kurnool district.

Led by Comrade V. J. Kassem, District Secretary and Comrade C. Krishnaiya, Vice-President the long colourful procession paraded the main thoroughfares of the city voicing different slogans in support of their

legitimate demands and finally assembled at the City collectorate ground. After a brief meeting a group of deputationists led by Comrades V. J. Kassem and C. Krishnaiya, met the collector in a deputation and handed over a memorandum.



A portion of the large demonstration of students at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Savage Attack

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hired hoodlums of the management cracked down on the workers of the spinning mill leaving behind hundreds of them wounded. The police who rushed only after the incident, instead of apprehending the culprits took the wounded workers prisoners. Then again, on demand of release of the fighting workers on bail, the SDO fixed bail worth Rs. 50,000 per head, an unbelievably staggering amount which is not even demanded of persons accused of gruesome murders. Over and above, verification certificate for each of the workers from the Revenue Officer was demanded but the concerned Revenue Officer was asked at the same time to adopt dilatory tactics so as to force the workers to languish in the jail custody indefinitely.

Meanwhile on 7th July last being invited to meet Dy. Labour Commissioner Sonapat the leaders of the struggling workers,

found that the state CITU leader was sitting beside the D.L.C. But to their great amazement they heard words of praise about the CITU leadership from the D. L. C who later advised them to join the CITU failing which he threatened to teach them a good lesson.

Being unable to dampen the zeal and unflagging determination of the workers, lastly, in order to give a crushing blow to the workmen, on 16th July last, a surprise murderous attack at dead of night was launched with lethal weapons by the hoodlums in connivance with the police-bureaucracy combine.

Penniless as they are, the workers at the height of their worst adversity did not give way to despair, but holding high the banner of legitimate trade union movement, are more and more rallying round the sole fighting leadership in the trade union front viz. the UTUC (Lenin Sarani).

Shake off inaction, lethargy and vacillation, plunge into struggle to pay our sincere respect to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

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field of education, in the question of language and last but not the least, their complete failure in tackling the problem of loadshedding which is creating unbearable suffering to the people—all these demand an immediate organisation of mighty mass movement against the State Government, as well.

Our Tasks Ahead

In conclusion Comrade Mukherjee highlighted our tasks ahead.

In an emotional voice with firm revolutionary conviction and determination befitting only to a disciple and comrade-in-arms of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, of the first rank, he observed: Comrades, the situation facing the country and the people is very grave.

On the one hand all the bourgeois and social democratic forces are aiding and abetting rabid communal, parochial and fissiparous forces, sowing disunity among the toiling people and instigating fratricidal wars to disrupt their solidarity and give a blow to their resistance against the tentacles of capitalist exploitation and oppression, which is growing in intensity and dimension day by day. On the other hand, the ruling capitalist class and their aides, both the bourgeois and social democratic parties claiming left, while trying to shift the entire burden of the growing crisis of the capitalist economy on to the shoulders of the people, with the object of protecting their crisis ridden capitalist state and economy are rapidly advancing towards fascism. It is only the mighty left and democratic movement of the toiling people developed in the correct path with a correct aim and object which can frustrate this heinous bid of the ruling class and their representative parties and forces.

Our party founded and

reared by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and guided by his thoughts and teachings, have already initiated this struggle in the path illumined by this great leader of the proletariat.

If we, the disciples of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, sincerely aspire to ultimately emancipate the people and the country we must have to develop this struggle to the last drop of our blood. We must remember his teachings that to achieve our goal, such struggle must be built up on the edifice of higher proletarian ethics and culture.

Comrades, the task is arduous, the obstacle that we will have to cross over is mountain high, the oppression and onslaught that we will have to face is unforbearing. But we must never be oblivious even for a moment of the truth that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, his life long revolutionary struggle unveiled before us, the truth, which asserts that no obstruction, no oppression—nothing can deviate a real revolutionary from the path of truth, from the course of struggle.

Comrades, to lead the struggle to its logical end, we must have to build up the people's own instrument, the people's committees which will ultimately one day give birth to the alternative power of the people. To accelerate and lead the struggle, to step onward and upward we must have to organise a huge army of volunteers who being inspired and educated by the revolutionary thoughts and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, will one day in future be ultimately lifted to the liberation army of the people. And it is only by leading the revolutionary struggle with this liberation army that in future we will ultimately succeed to overthrow capitalism, emancipate the country and the people, their emotion, love, affection their artistic faculties and science, every thing from

cultural and moral degeneration, from exploitation and oppression.

Comrades, we know that there is already a widespread feeling of good will, affection and confidence within the people centring round our party.

Still at times they express doubt—'shall we win?' No, we cannot win, no revolutionary party whatever organisational strength it may possess can win any struggle by their cadres alone. Struggle can only win, when they—the people, may not be all, but a major section of them, will come forward and actively involve themselves in the struggle under the banner of the revolutionary party and others—even if they cannot actively participate—lend their sincere moral support and help financially and by other means to their might.

To win struggle, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh taught us, three conditions are to be fulfilled—a correct revolutionary theory covering all aspects of life, correct base political line of the proletariat and active participation of the people in the struggle.

Comrades, go and impress upon the people that the SUCI has fulfilled the first two conditions, time and again by passing through the ordeal of struggle it has established itself as the genuine revolutionary party on our soil. But now it is their turn, it is the task of the people to come forward, stand by our side, strengthen us and thus fulfil the third essential condition to win the struggle. Then and then only we will win, then and then only struggle will win.

Comrades, we are facing an ordeal. The out-

come of our struggle will determine whether fascism will thrive in the country or the people will give a crushing defeat to fascism and capitalism and ultimately lead to the establishment of a society free from all sorts of exploitation of man by man. We must shake off all our inaction, indecision and vacillation. We must win this struggle to move ahead to fulfil the dream and expectation of our most revered leader and teacher. Thus and thus only we will be able to show our deepest reverence to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Because, to all genuine revolutionaries, Revolution, Struggle and the Name of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are one and the same.

**Long live Revolution !
Long live SUCI !
Red Salute Comrade
Shibdas Ghosh !**

Police atrocities on legitimate democratic movement in Karnataka

Toiling people of all sections in all states throughout the country are groaning under the grinding wheel of ruthless capitalist exploitation and oppression. The more the crisis is intensifying more ruthlessly the ruling capitalist class and their agents are passing the entire burden of the crisis on to the shoulders of the toiling people. And whenever, the people, being unable to bear any more the back breaking burden rise in protest the police come with all their strength and ruthlessly suppress the voice of protest so that the peace of the exploiters is not disturbed. The picture is same everywhere, in every state of this 'greatest democracy'!

In Karnataka during the month of July toiling people of all sections gradually organised themselves and started movements in protest against the unprecedented price rise and some other demands of the poor peasants and agricul-

tural labourers. Everywhere police came down heavily on the peaceful participants and even opened fire in several places killing many and injuring hundreds.

The Bangalore City Organising Committee of our party in a statement on 19.7.80 strongly condemning the police brutalities stated that it is clearly evident that once again it was the police which provoked the tranquil situation and resorted to indiscriminate firing in the name of maintaining 'law and order'.

It demanded that adequate compensation should be given to the families of the dead as well as the injured and exemplary punishment should be given to the

responsible police officers.

In another statement dated 29.7.80 the Bangalore City Organising Committee of our party congratulated the people in different parts of Karnataka who have boldly risen up against the unprecedented price rise and on other legitimate demands and the ruthless oppression of the capitalist class.

The statement also condemned the reign of terror let loose by the police administration combine, brutally killing innocent people, injuring hundreds and making indiscriminate arrests.

The statement further called upon all sections of the toiling people—the peasants, workers, students youths and all other sections—to organise themselves from grass-root level, form people's committees their own instruments of struggle and continue the movement till these demands are fulfilled.

Owing to steep rise in the cost of paper, ink, printing and other incidentals, we are compelled to raise, with great reluctance, the price of the Proletarian Era. A single copy is priced anew at 40 paise, while half-yearly and yearly subscription rates are revised to Rs. 5/- and Rs. 10/- respectively.

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